

They That Sow In Tears Shall Reap In Joy (Psalms 126:5-6)

Proposition: Every one of us as children of God, receivers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ have an urgent responsibility to be involved with a faithful, consistent, and organized attempt to win people to Jesus.

I. The Serving Realized (Vs. 6a)

"He that goeth forth..."

II. The Sorrow Released (Vs. 6a)

"...and weepeth..."

III. The Seed Rendered (Vs. 6b)

"...bearing precious seed..."

IV. The Certain Return (Vs. 6c)

"... shall doubtless come again..."

V. The Celebration Released (Vs. 6c)

"... with rejoicing..."

VI. The Sheaves Retained (Vs. 6d)

"...bringing his sheaves with him."

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(Ps. 126:5-6) In 1857, Hudson Taylor
went to China as a missionary. One of
his converts was a man named Ngi. Ngi
"thrilled about his new found faith, share
it with all his friends. He asked Taylor, "How
long have you had this good news in England?"
Taylor revealed the gospel had been in
England for centuries. Ngi then asked the
curious, "Why didn't you come sooner? My
Father has been seeking the truth." Delivering the
gospel is urgent business. It is time to obey
and no longer delay. Vs 5-6 gives us in a nut
shell all that the Bible has to say about per-
sonal evangelism and bringing people to Christ.

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to be involved with faithful consistent organization

I. The Sowing Realized - Vs 6. He that
soweth faith - We see here a familiar picture
of Bible truth. Jesus used same truth in Mark
4:3. This is the order, command, mandate
from heaven in Matt 28:19. I heard Dean
McNeese while back that inherent in the
gospel is a "go" it is a "go"-spel. We have no
right to undertake any other task, how-
ever good and needful if we do not take
up the first & foremost command to go
and reach people for Jesus. There are
many examples in Bible. Jesus first

Foremost; Luke 19:10 Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. Philip reached out and won an Ethiopian eunuch. Paul in Acts 20:20, said he went from house to house. Lifestyle; Everywhere we go win ^{People to Christ.}
II. The Sinner Released - Vs 6 and

accepts - Vs 5 tears. Where are our tears? They are gone. We will never effectually reach the heart of the lost sinner w/out a deep heartfelt concern for them. Tears are a language God understands yet many of us have lost the ability to speak that language when it comes to the Lost. Moses and Jeremiah shed tears over God's wayward people. Jesus shed tears over the Lost sheep of house of David. Paul shed tears Night and day in Acts 20:17

Dr Larry Brown told story of visiting a man. Telling gospel, broke the preacher's heart. Tears fell. Man wouldn't listen to Preachers. But the holy tears struck man's heart. May God give our cold cynical hearts hot tears of burden for the lost

III. The Seed Rendered - There are many pictures in the bible that describe the Bible itself. a sword, a sarg, a statute but here it is a seed. Jesus said in Luke 8:11 "the seed is the word of God" I wished when a child I could plant butter scotch and butter scotch trees. To gain a harvest we must plant seed. Psychology can not replace the word of God. Entertainment can't replace the word. Only the

- 1) Mark 4:3 Harken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow;
- 2) Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- 3) Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

2) ...the acoustics of the building, he proclaimed: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

A workman in one of the balconies heard the verse. The rest of the day that verse rang in his heart. At home that night, as he was eating dinner, the verse continued to ring in his heart. He went to bed, and all he could hear was, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." He arose the next morning, and the verse continued to echo in his heart. That man was gloriously converted by the quivering of one verse of the Bible. The power of fruitfulness is in the seed not the sower.

3) If you really want to get in on the action and experience the full excitement and joy of the Christian life, become involved in going forth and bearing the precious seed.

1) Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul...James 1:21 ...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

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word of God is a fruitful seed. King Tush
Tumb 3000 yr old seed, plant produces life. Seed
precious b/c life inside. The Bible is precious because
there's life inside it. Rom 10:17 ¹ Tim 3:15 Ps 19:7
Jas. 1:21. Charles Spurgeon walked into his
Tabernacle one day when workmen were re-
modeling the auditorium. To test the acoustics

IV. The Certain Return - Doubtless
I remember hearing Dr. Charles Powell
define this word in his native Welch accent
"There's No doubt about it!" Victory +
success is promised. I'll heard Dad's com-
ment on the garden's were planted, "It's just
not much of a garden this year. No where near
as much as last year." But never have we
gone out at harvest + taken nothing. You
can win someone to Jesus. If all you won was
one person, would it be worth it? Noah Preached
120 yrs. and had only eight. Was he a failure.
Old preacher said "Never call a man a failure
who gets his family in the ark." This verse indic-
ates a continual action. I've labored in field many
a time and come home empty, but now and again there's there ³

V. The Celebration Rehearsal 6c-
came again with rejoicing. 155 "reap in Joy"
What a thrill it is to win someone to Jesus
I'll never forget leading Casey in Tipton
to the Lord. The first person I ever lead to
the Lord! I'm a little alter inmate! Yes I know

It's not every time you see you see some one saved. But don't ever let me get over the thrill of leading others ^{to Jesus} and seeing others saved. The joy of being absolutely obedient to the command of scripture.

We would have celebration time every time after we went visiting. One by one, person after person would relay their exploits. What cheres and praise we would give to hear of one that trusted the Lord! Have you lost the thrill

VI. The Sheaves Retained - God "Bring in your sheaves w/ him" When the harvest came, they would cut the grain, tie the grain in Bundles and lay them along the path to be carried off for tresting. We are doing that today? Bundling up harvested souls, securing them in cords of the Grace of God, laying them on the path to glory! Waiting for the great Harvester to take them on to glory! What a harvest celebration it will be. There will be a Sunday school teacher named Edward Kimball he'll say "Lord Jesus, see that lying bundle over there. That's Purdie Lyman Meedy. You helped me win him when he was a teenager."

Mordecai Ham will say, "King Jesus so that his
VII. Closing - We have a duty before anything else to go as our saviour did, seeking to save that which was lost! Will you join me in repentance.

1) ...lost the thrill? B.B. King used to sing the old blues song "the thrill is gone." Does that describe your Christian life? Regain the thrill and celebration by winning souls!

2) ...that big bundle over there? That's Billy Graham. You helped me win him in a 1934 revival meeting in Charlotte NC. Ken Trivette will say, Lord do you see that little bundle over there. That's Ronnie and Carey Brown. You helped me win them back in 1994. Lord, look at that little bundle over there. That's Matt Hover you helped me lead him to you at the Hamilton County Jail. What a harvest we can have. Do you have sheaves with you? Are you empty handed? I read this poem the other day: Must I go and empty handed? Must I meet the Saviour so? Not one soul with which to greet Him. Must I empty handed go?